

UPDATES ON CORPORATE REGISTERS FORUM (CRF)

ECRF CONFERENCE 2017
VILNIUS, LITHUANIA
16 JUNE 2017

CRF

- **Corporate Registers Forum** is an association of international corporate registries established in 2003.
- The charter members:
 - Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Malaysia, Mauritius, New Zealand, Pakistan, Samoa, Singapore, United Kingdom and Vanuatu.

MEMBERSHIP

- Who can be a member?
- Currently there are 61 member countries representing Asia-Pacific, Africa, Middle-East, Europe, North and South America.

CRF 2017



Corporate Registries – Challenges and Opportunities, Today and Tomorrow

- CRF 2017 was held at the Shangri-La Kowloon, Hong Kong from 6 – 10 March 2017.
- The Forum was divided into 18 sessions covering issues such as :
 - Beneficial Ownership;
 - Use of Information Technology – Technological Collaboration and One-stop Platform;
 - Use of social media as a tool;
 - Transparency vs Privacy;
 - Regulation of company service providers;
 - Update from United Nations Commission of International Trade Law.

CRF 2017



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CRF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

2017/2018

- Ms. Rosanne Bell, Australia, President (replacing Mr Tim Moss, Companies House, UK)
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- Mr. Ross van der Schyff, New Zealand
- Mdm. Zahrah Abd Wahab Fenner, Malaysia

2nd CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP

*"The Future Role of the
Registry"*

- The 2nd CRF Technical Workshop hosted by the Companies Commission of Malaysia (SSM) was held in Kuala Lumpur on 18 & 19 October 2016.
- 50 participants representing 14 jurisdictions.
- 17 speakers (New Zealand, Singapore, Netherlands, Germany, Hong Kong, Malaysia).

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2nd CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOP 2016
The Future Role of the Registry
18-19 October 2016
Aloft Hotel, Kuala Lumpur Sentral, Malaysia

- The need to address the challenges and responses in meeting the expectations of the business community.
- Leverage on the expertise and experiences of participants.
- Platform for mutual exchange and sharing of ideas on similar initiatives.
- Working out possible solutions.

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*"The Future Role of the
Registry"*

- Welcome Dinner & Cultural Show @ Restoran D'saji
KL Titiwangsa Kuala Lumpur (18 October 2016)



- Visit to SSM (19 October 2016)

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CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS 2017



- Technical Workshops for 2017
 - 23-25 August 2017 – to be conducted by Companies and Intellectual Properties Commission (CIPC).
 - Theme : *Efficiencies of a modernized registry, from a registration office to being a regulator.*
 - Agenda covers issues mainly on:
 - ❖ Ease of Doing Business Methodology;
 - ❖ Modernization of registries and their journey in regulatory reform; and
 - ❖ Way forward/action plan for the African nation registries.

CRF TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS 2017 (cont ...)

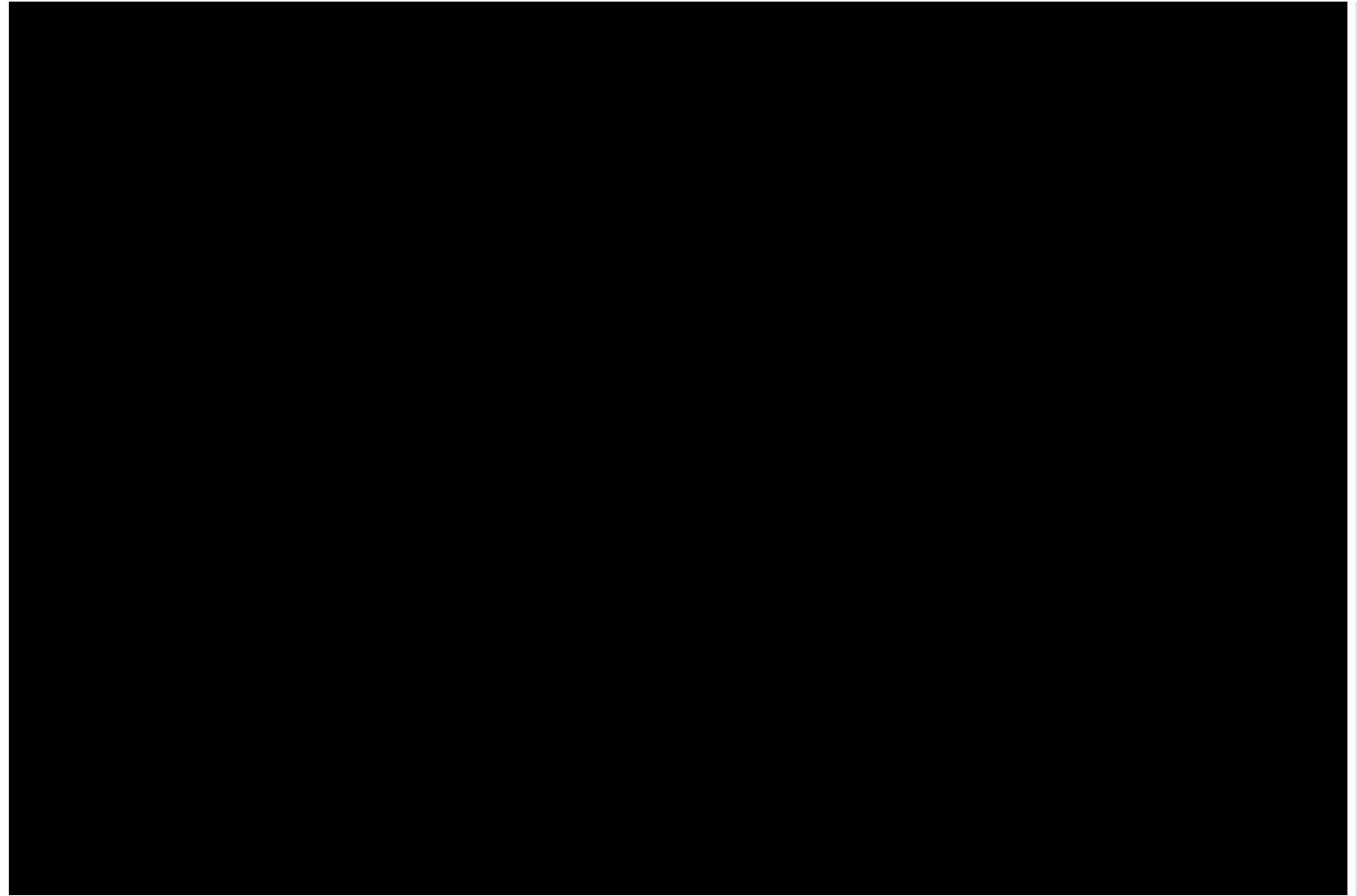


- Technical Workshops for 2017
 - Tentatively schedule for November 2017 – to be conducted by Qatar Financial Centre Companies Registration Office.
 - Agenda covers issues mainly on:
 - ❖ Detection and prevention of misuse of corporate vehicles to commit fraud and money laundering;
 - ❖ Monitoring of companies ; and
 - ❖ Forced deregistration.

CRF 2018 GABORONE, BOTSWANA



- Organised by Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA).
- Programme and details will be published on www.corporateregistersforum.org.



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